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**Attorney Docket No.: 030377**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Applicants:</b>	Gardner, et al.	)
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<b>Serial No.:</b>	10/608,470	)
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<b>Filing Date:</b>	June 27, 2003	)
<b>Entitled:</b>	WIDE FIELD METHOD FOR DETECTING PATHOGENIC MICROORGANISMS	

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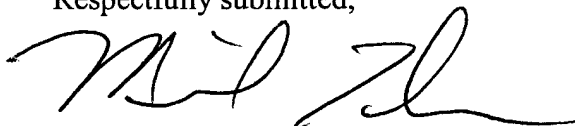
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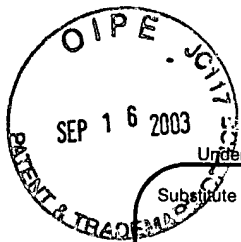
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